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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al.

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095

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FILING DATE: December 20, 2000

: Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In the matter of the above-identified application it is noted that the Applicants mailed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on April 9, 2001. The IDS was received in (i.e., date stamped into) the Patent Office on April 11, 2001. A copy of the IDS plus PTO-FB-A820 (i.e. listing the five (5) references which were also submitted) is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Applicants have no record, however, of having received back an Examiner-initialed copy of the reference list (i.e., the Form PTO-FB-A820) which was submitted with the IDS.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references which were submitted with the IDS, and to initial next to each reference on the PTO-FB-A820 to indicate her review. If the references have been misplaced, or if anything else hinders or prevents the Examiner's review, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at 860-441-4903 so that replacements can be submitted on an expedited basis.

A copy of the date-stamped return postcard for this application, showing receipt by the Office of the IDS and references, is included herewith.

It is also noted that the Examiner attached two sheets of Form PTO-FB-A820 (i.e., listing references submitted by Applicants) to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2003. The first reference listed on one of the sheets (US 4,687,660) appears not to have been initialed by the Examiner. The middle reference (WO 99/01120) on the other

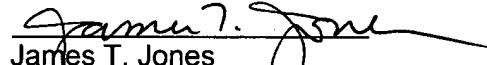
Form PTO-FB-A820 also was not initialed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and initial next to the aforementioned references. If the Examiner requires a copy of either reference, it is requested that she telephone the undersigned so that a copy can be submitted on an expedited basis.

It is also noted that the Examiner attached two sheets of Form PTO-FB-A820 to the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2003. Two references listed on one of the sheets (WO 99/01120 and Appln. No. 09/495,061) appear not to have been initialed by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and initial next to the aforementioned references. As above, if the Examiner requires a copy of either reference, it is requested that she telephone the undersigned so that a copy can be submitted on an expedited basis.

No fee is thought to be due for this submission either because no fee was due when the submission (IDS) was originally made or the fee has already been paid. If the Commissioner determines that any fee is due however, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Date Mailed: 4-9-2001 Express Mail No.
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Application of Leah E. Appel, et al.
Entitled Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

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